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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Department of State Action on Purple Heart-Type Award
for Civilians

1. I spoke this morning with Mr. Ted Hupper in the Management Planning Office of State with regard to consideration by State of the proposal to develop an award for civilians injured in the course of their duties. Mr. Hupper advised this matter is being considered in conjunction with study for some six other awards, and it is proposed that a package paper be forwarded to the Secretary. He hopes, however, that approval by the Secretary can be obtained this week or next. He mentioned also that the medal has not yet been designed, and they will ask the Institute of Heraldry, in the Adjutant General's Office in the Pentagon, to design the award, after approval by the Secretary. This, and production problems, would require a few weeks. He also advised that the Department has not yet concluded that an Executive Order will be necessary. His feeling is that an award could be established by the Secretary which would be available to all government civilians who meet the standards, and not merely Foreign Service and State Department people. Mr. Hupper also promised to keep me posted.

2. I have relayed all this to Mr. Echols in preparation for the CIA Honor and Merit Awards Committee meeting on Wednesday.



Associate General Counsel

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<p>Attached is a copy of the memorandum for the record by [] which is a status report on our request that the Department of State arrange the presentations of the Purple Heart to civilians. This is new and State seems to be going the same route we are; that is, to develop something in lieu of the traditional Purple Heart.</p> <p>VT VRT</p>		
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